

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

April 28, 2021

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2022 Homeland Security appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you consider providing \$1,000,000 for renovations and major technological investments to develop a state-of-the-art Emergency Operations Center for the Department of Emergency Management in Onondaga County, which is currently located at 421 Montgomery Street, Syracuse, NY 13202. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would provide Onondaga County with enhanced emergency operations capabilities, including continuity of operations for critical government functions and continuity of government in the event other County-owned facilities are compromised.

The current location of the Onondaga County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is limited in capacity due to square footage and facility layout constraints, susceptible to potential mechanical failures due to its location on the sub-level, and is immediately adjacent to other soft-targets including primary county office buildings.

The relocation and upgrading of the Onondaga County EOC will preserve public safety, ensure continuity of government, and maintain well-coordinated emergency response operations. This project would include renovations of the physical space and major technological upgrades to transition a County-owned, former Army Reserve Center into a state-of-the-art EOC.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Furthermore, I am not aware of any other Member of Congress submitting a request for this purpose.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Katko". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

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John Katko  
Member of Congress